

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by deleting the paragraph at page 4, lines 3-17 beginning with "Exemplary methods, systems, and products" and ending with "client."

Please amend the specification by deleting the paragraph at page 4, line 19 – page 5, line 4 beginning with "Typical embodiments" and ending with "target services."

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph at page 5, lines 6-10 of the original application in this case with the following amended paragraph:

~~Creating a target service request for execution of the operation on the target service may be carried out by composing the request in a data structure useful in a binding-neutral interface and calling the binding-neutral interface, passing the request as a call parameter. Issuing the target service request to the target service may include calling one or more member methods in a binding-neutral interface.~~ Port type agnostic proxy support for web services intermediaries including receiving in a web services intermediary a request for execution of a web services operation, wherein: the web services intermediary includes a proxy, wherein no configuration data available to the proxy describes an endpoint of the target service and the requester submits requests for operations in port types completely unknown to the intermediary; and the request includes parametric information from which an endpoint for a target service that supports the operation is identified; identifying, by the web services intermediary in dependence upon the parametric data, the endpoint for a target service that supports the operation; creating, by the web services intermediary, a target service request for execution of the operation on the target service, further comprising: composing the request in a data structure useful in a binding-neutral interface; and calling the binding-neutral interface, passing the request as a call

parameter; and issuing, by the web services intermediary, the target service request to the target service.